

Calhoun Colored School. Calhoun, Ala.

Miss Charlotte R. Thorn, Principal

THE value of the property is \$16,740. The annual expenses, \$2,700, secured from an endowment fund of \$75,000, tuition, gifts from individuals, churches, societies, etc.

In 1908 there were 25 teachers and 257 scholars. The story of the school "is a narrative of efficiency and fruitfulness in many diversified activities for the advancement of the colored

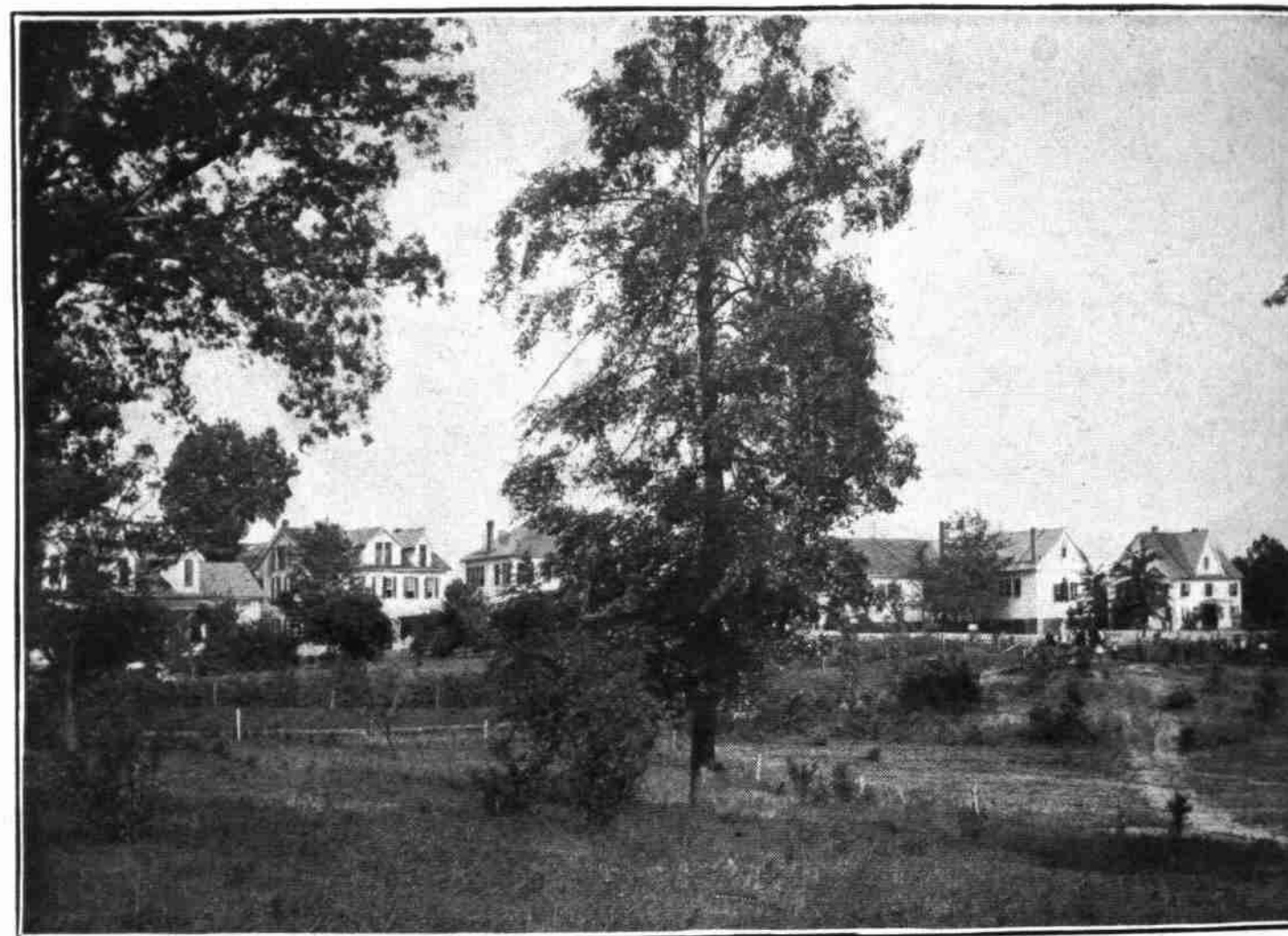


MISS CHARLOTTE R. THORN and MISS MABEL W. DILLINGHAM

people not only in intelligence but in industrial arts and in social improvement."

In the midst of the cotton fields of Alabama, at Calhoun, Lowndes County, is found a school and settlement for the country Negroes.

Calhoun Colored School was founded in 1892 by two Hampton workers, Mabel W. Dillingham, of Boston, Mass., and Charlotte R. Thorn, of New Haven, Conn. During the years at Hampton, under General Armstrong and Dr. Frissell, there came the desire to go out into some country district and start a



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school for Negroes that would give a chance for the young people to receive a good common-school education; and also that would touch the home life of the people so that whole families would be raised to a higher standard of living.

Dr. Booker T. Washington was asked to find a place for this new work, and Calhoun, Ala., was selected. In January, 1892, the school was incorporated under the laws of Alabama, with a board of trustees and Miss Dillingham and Miss Thorn as co-principals. By fall a schoolhouse and teachers' cottage were ready for occupancy.



CABIN WHERE CALHOUN WAS STARTED, 1892